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Driver Sentenced For 2016 Fatal Street Race near Downtown Los Angeles

A 38-year-old man was sentenced today to more than 22 years in state prison for causing a fiery crash that killed three people after he raced against another vehicle three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dealio Lockhart (dob 6/25/80) of Whittier was sentenced to 22 years and four months in state prison. Last month, he pleaded guilty to three counts of vehicular manslaughter, four counts of engaging in a vehicle speed contest and 11 counts of assault likely to cause great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Blake of the Target Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Feb. 27, 2016, around midnight, Lockhart lost control of his car during a road race on Interstate 5 and struck a tractor-trailer operated by UPS, the prosecutor said. The impact caused the big rig to overturn onto the center divider and into oncoming lanes.

The truck's driver, 52-year-old Scott Treadway, was killed. Also killed were Brian Lewandowski, 18, and Michelle Littlefield, 19, both passengers in a Nissan.

In addition to the three fatalities, two men in the Nissan were seriously injured and a man and a woman who were in separate cars also were injured.

Both sides of the freeway were shut down the following day as a result of the incident.

Case BA444552 was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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